

WHAT'S AUTONOMOUS ZONE?

Oppressed and exploited people get pushed around, ordered and economically blackmailed daily. Rules and laws are imposed on us by force without consent. A sickening media monopoly of psychopathic corporations bombards us every minute with mind pollution to manipulate us. We are forced to sell ourselves and surrender our autonomy to bosses. Most people don't really like it, but submit. The mass of people who won't see this are probably suffering from the *Stockholm syndrome*. Let's face it; this is a world of slavery.

autonomous zones, even if that's just another free thinking rebellious person, we can create enclaves in this world, from which to counterattack the encroachments of the authorities and their system of slavery.

That's just what this little 'zine' is – an autonomous zone where there's no room

Claim our own territory!

Expand it!

Kick out the oppressors!

¡No pasaran!

for interference or bullying from any kind of authority. There is no submission here to any form of oppression or its logic, be it by the state, patriarchy, bosses, religions or the immoral creeds of nationalism, racism and xenophobia.



We might not be able to overthrow this slave system right now, but we *can* fight to establish spaces where we can live and relate freely as equals. Starting in our own minds, we need autonomous zones where we can base our rebellion against this oppression. Linking up with other

If you want to be free, then think it and take action.

Turn the world right way up! Get a rebellious attitude to the bullies who force their authority and control on us! Say "NO!" and join together with others who want a life free of rulers.

WHAT'S PRODUCERS' FREE ASSOCIATION (PFA)?

When you think of an "Association", you may imagine a formal institution with a President, executive, a rule book, membership fees and legal registration. But association has another meaning too; people cooperating as equals because they share the same interests, or an *affinity*.

The producers for human needs are mainly exploited. They may also be unemployed. They are all certainly oppressed. So, we see the "producers" generally as all the oppressed of this world who need equality, freedom and social justice. Our enemies are state and private bullies and users – the vampire institutions that live off our life's blood.

So our affinity, whatever the particular forms of our oppression, is the need to liberate ourselves from all blood-suckers.

To do this, people must stick together and have *no tolerance* for the oppression of anyone anywhere. We must fight to cleanse the world of rulers, exploiters and the machinery of their oppression – and replace it with our free association based on mutual aid, economic equality and freedom and dignity for *every* living individual.

Thus, PFA is simply oppressed people associating in affinity groups (and free federation of those) to fulfil our common interests – self-organised locally, autonomously and freely as equals, without authorities of any kind dictating what we need to do for ourselves. This is the direct action of people together for themselves, based on their own self-responsibility for a better life for all, starting today.

We aim to help facilitate the establishment of a federation of free associations, founded on these basic principles:

- *Abolition of all forms of authority, regardless of whether economic, political, social, religious, cultural, sexual, and so on; and*
- *Building a free society, without classes and states or borders, founded on free federation, mutual aid and solidarity*
- *From each according to their ability, to each according to their needs*

GOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?

This is the first issue of *Autonomous Zone*, but there'll be more to come. So if you feel the same way and there's something that you want to say, then send us your comments or contributions to:

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SORRY IS NOT ENOUGH

Australia is a colonial 'nation-state' – that's right, not 'was', but *is*. The logic of colonialism is and always has been brutality, murder, theft and pillage of resources for wealth and power. This was put well by Erich Mühsam back in 1911.

Usually the story unfolds as follows: warships land at the coast of countries whose inhabitants are called "savage" and "uncivilised" because they work together peacefully, know nothing of import and export, and enjoy the abundance that the land has to offer. They know no misery and exploitation. Now, however, they are given European "culture", namely firewater, guns, and tacky clothes to cover what has so far been natural. In exchange for these generous gifts, the blessed savages only have to surrender their land, their labour, their bodies, their wives and children, their natural resources, their freedom, their customs... – nothing else. Those who resist are killed and those who obey become slaves. The moral justification for all this is provided for by the Europeans' "superior culture", proven by their effective modern weaponry. [Mühsam, E., from the Journal Kain (September, 1911) in Kuhn, G. (ed.), Liberating society from the state: and other political writings, PM Press, Oakland, 2011, pp. 80-81]

This sums up the Australian experience, although we could add systematic cultural and physical genocide. This is not in the past tense. Australian governments have continued this story up to the present day and all non-indigenous people here (especially property owners) are beneficiaries of it. After profiting from genocide and theft of land and resources,

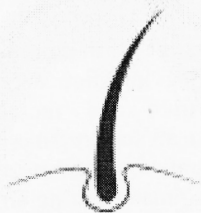
to simply be "sorry" and continue in the same way is just not good enough.

In Germany, since the Nazi defeat, houses and possessions of victims of the late regime's atrocities have been given back to decedents of the murdered or Jewish associations. Of course, in Australia, the regime of the murderers is still in control today, but that appalling injustice does not ameliorate the truth and moral liability. Firstly, just like all state regimes, the power of the Australian government and its agencies is illegitimate, resting on crimes against humanity. Secondly, all those who hold property by the laws of this state, imposed on this land by force, are also complicit. The only real basis for the laws of Australia is provided by the weapons of the army and police.

Short of the happy day when these forces are disarmed and the power of Australian governments disbanded, which would be the only just outcome; it is the responsibility of people living on this land to recognise and support *autonomous* Aboriginal peoples' struggle for independence, and occupation and control of their land and resources. Given the price Aboriginal people have paid, no amount of financial 'reparations' could be enough from non-indigenous beneficiaries of the genocide and theft, especially state and private land owners.

No conditions or limit should be set to the full support provided free autonomous Aboriginal people to help them rebuild a decent life on their own terms – as free self-organised groups, self-managed without interference from any government authorities.

Keep your hair on



*It don't rate when you exfoliate.
Your naïve state you then exacerbate.
With a fecund fleece you're so fair,
So, if they stare, don't give a care!*

*It's never too late to change your fate.
A proclamation profound's yours to make.
Relieve your razor to rest in your draw.
Stay wild by livin' real and raw!*

*Don't trifle with evolution's follicle!
Don't ruffle in the home sensual!
It's elemental,
What? You wanna be a mannequin?
No! Like, be untamed and flowing!*

*Yes! It don't rate when you exfoliate.
Your naïve state you then exacerbate.
With a fecund fleece you're so fair,
So, if they stare, don't give a care!*

*So, leave your hair - there!
Square - bare - with rare hair.
Cast the daily run of the mill harangue away,
Then with the undomesticated untamed you'll lay.*

